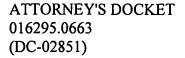
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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A computer system, comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a bezel; and
 - a primary status indicator positioned on an outer surface of the bezel.
- The computer system of claim 1,
 further comprising a front panel; and
 wherein the bezel is mounted to substantially cover the front panel.
- The computer system of claim 1,
 wherein the computer system is operable to be coupled to one or more computer components; and

wherein the primary status indicator is operable to be communicatively coupled to a server management software operable to monitor one or more computer components and determine whether a component is failing or has failed.

- 4. The computer system of claim 3,
- wherein the primary status indicator is operable to be illuminated in a first state if no components are failing or have failed; and

wherein the primary status indicator is operable to be illuminated in a second state if a component is failing or has failed.

5. The computer system of claim 4, wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated in the color blue for the first state.

- 6. The computer system of claim 4, wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated in an off state for the first state.
- 7. The computer system of claim 4, wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated in an off state for the second state.
 - 8. The computer system of claim 3,
 wherein the primary status indicator comprises,
 a normal status section; and
 an alert status section.
 - 9. The computer system of claim 8, wherein the normal status section and alert status section are presented as a cluster.
 - 10. The computer system of claim 8,
 wherein the normal status section is operable to be illuminated if no components
 are failing or have failed; and

wherein the alert status indicator is operable to be illuminated if a component is failing or has failed.

- 11. The computer system of claim 10, wherein the normal status section is operable to be illuminated in the color blue.
- 12. The computer system of claim 10, wherein the normal status section displays a corporate logo.
 - 13. The computer system of claim 1, wherein the primary status indicator is cycloptically positioned on the bezel.

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- The computer system of claim 1, wherein the primary status indicator is operable 14. to rotate to remain level.
 - The computer system of claim 1, further comprising a status display. 15.
- 16. The computer system of claim 15, wherein the computer system is operable to be coupled to one or more computer components; and

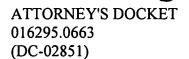
wherein the status display is communicatively coupled to a server management software operable to monitor one or more computer components and determine whether a component is failing or has failed.

- 17. The computer system of claim 16, wherein the status display is operable to display status information communicated from the server management software.
 - 18. The computer system of claim 16,

wherein the status display is operable to be illuminated in a first state if no components are failing or have failed; and

wherein the status display is operable to be illuminated in a second state if a component is failing or has failed.

- 19. The computer system of claim 18, wherein the status display is operable to be illuminated in the color blue if no components are failing or have failed.
- 20. The computer system of claim 18, wherein the status display is operable to be illuminated in an off state for the first state.



- 21. The computer system of claim 15, further comprising a front panel; and wherein the status display is located on the front panel.
- 5 22. The computer system of claim 21, wherein the status display is activated when the bezel is opened.
 - 23. The computer system of claim 15, further comprising a back panel; and wherein the status display is located on the back panel.

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A cabinet operable to contain a plurality of computer systems, comprising an outer surface; and a primary status indicator located on the outer surface.

25. The cabinet of claim 24

wherein the computer systems are operable to be coupled to one or more computer components; and

wherein the primary status indicator is operable to be communicatively coupled to a server management software operable to monitor one or more computer components and determine whether a component is failing or has failed.

26. The cabinet of claim 25,

wherein the primary status indicator is operable to be illuminated in a first state if no components are failing or have failed; and

wherein the primary status indicator is operable to be illuminated in a second state if a component is failing or has failed.

- 27. The cabinet of claim 26, wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated blue for the first state.
- 28. The cabinet of claim 26 wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated in an off state for the first state.
- 29. The cabinet of claim 26 wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated in an off state for the second state.

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30. The cabinet of claim 25,
wherein primary status indicator comprises
a normal status section; and
an alert status section.

- 31. The cabinet of claim 30, wherein the normal status section and alert status section are presented as a cluster.
- 32. The cabinet of claim 30,
 wherein the normal status section is operable to be illuminated if no components
 are failing or have failed; and

wherein the alert status indicator is operable to be illuminated if a component is failing or has failed.

- 33. The cabinet of claim 32, wherein the normal status indicator is illuminated blue if no components are failing or have failed.
- 34. The cabinet of claim 30, wherein the normal status section displays a corporate 20 logo.
 - 35. The cabinet of claim 30, wherein the primary status indicator is cycloptically located on the outer surface.

36. The cabinet of claim 30, further comprising a second primary status indicator operable to be communicatively coupled to a server management software operable to monitor one or more computer components and determine whether a component is failing or has failed, wherein the computer components may be coupled to one or more computer systems contained in at least one other cabinet.

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37. A primary status indicator operable to be communicatively coupled to a server management software operable to monitor one or more computer components of a computer system and determine whether a component is failing or has failed,

wherein the primary status indicator is operable to be illuminated in a first state if no components are failing or have failed, and

wherein the primary status indicator is operable to be illuminated in a second state if a component is failing or has failed.

38. The primary status indicator of claim 37,

wherein the primary status indicator is operable to be mounted on a bezel, wherein the bezel is operable to be mounted to substantially cover a front panel of the computer system.

- 39. The primary status indicator of claim 38, wherein the primary status indicator is cycloptically positioned on the bezel.
- 40. The primary status indicator of claim 38, wherein the primary status indicator remains level with reference the horizon despite the orientation of the computer system.
- 41. The primary status indicator of claim 37, wherein the primary status indicator is operable to be illuminated in the color blue.
- 42. The primary status indicator of claim 37, wherein the primary status indicator is operable to be illuminated in the off state for the first state.
 - 43. The primary status indicator of claim 37, wherein the primary status indictor is operable to be illuminated in the off state for the second state.

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- 44. The primary status indicator of claim 37, further comprising a normal status section; and an alert status section.
- 45. The primary status indicator of claim 44, wherein the sections are presented as a cluster.
- 46. The primary status indicator of claim 44, wherein the normal status section is operable to be illuminated if no components are failing or have failed; and

wherein the alert status indicator is operable to be illuminated if a component is failing or has failed.

- 47. The primary status indicator of claim 46, wherein the normal status section is operable to be illuminated in the color blue.
- 48. The primary status indicator of claim 44, wherein the normal status section displays a corporate logo.

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49. A method for displaying status information for a computer system, wherein the computer system includes one or more computer components, and wherein the computer system includes a primary status indicator communicatively coupled to a server management software to monitor the computer components and determine whether a component is failing or has failed, the method comprising the steps of:

illuminating the primary status indicator in a first state if no components are failing or have failed; and

illuminating the primary status indicator in a second state if a component is failing or has failed.

- 50. The method for displaying status information of claim 49, wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated in the color blue for the first state.
- 51. The method for displaying status information of claim 49, wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated in an off state for the first state.
- 52. The method for displaying status information of claim 49, wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated in an off state for the second state.
- 53. The method for displaying status information of claim 49, wherein the primary status indicator is mounted on a bezel, wherein the bezel is mounted to substantially cover a front panel of the computer system.
- 54. The method for displaying status information of claim 53, wherein the primary status indicator is cycloptically positioned on the bezel.

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55. The method for displaying status information of claim 49, wherein the primary status further comprises

a normal status section; and an alert status section.

- 56. The method for displaying status information of claim 55, wherein the step of illuminating the primary status indicator in a first state further comprises the step of illuminating the normal status section.
- 57. The method for displaying status information of claim 55, wherein the step of illuminating the primary status indicator in a second state further comprises the step of illuminating the alert status section.
- 58. The method for displaying status information of claim 55, wherein the normal status section displays a corporate logo.
- 59. The method for displaying status information of claim 49, wherein the computer system further comprises a status display communicatively coupled to the server management software and operable to display status information communicated from the server management software.
- 60. The method for displaying status information of claim 59, further comprising the step of displaying status information on the status display.
- 61. The method for displaying status information of claim 59, wherein the status display is operable to be illuminated.

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62. The method for displaying status information of claim 61, further comprising the steps of illuminating the status display in a first state if no components are failing or have failed; and illuminating the status display in a second state if a component is failing or has failed.

- 63. The method for displaying status information of claim 62, wherein the status display is illuminated in the color blue for the first state.
- 64. The method for displaying status information of claim 62 wherein the status display is illuminated in an off state in a first state.

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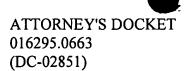
A method for displaying status information for a group of computer systems, wherein each computer system comprises one or more computer components, comprising the steps of:

providing a primary status indicator communicatively coupled to a server management software to monitor the computer components and determine whether a component is failing or has failed;

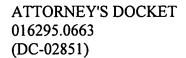
illuminating the primary status indicator in a first state if no components are failing or have failed; and

illuminating the primary status indicator in a second state if a component is failing or has failed.

- 66. The method of claim 65, wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated in the color blue in a first state.
- 67. The method of claim 65, wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated in an off state for the first state.
- 68. The method of claim 65, wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated in an off state for the second state.
 - 69. The method of claim 65, wherein the group of computer systems are mounted in a cabinet.
- The method of claim 65, wherein the group of computer systems are mounted in a plurality of cabinets that are organized into a bank.

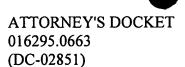


- 71. The method of claim 65, wherein the primary status further comprises a normal status section; and an alert status section.
- 72. The method of claim 71, wherein the step of illuminating the primary status indicator in a first state further comprises the step of illuminating the normal status section.
- 73. The method of claim 71, wherein the step of illuminating the primary status indicator in a second state further comprises the step of illuminating the alert status section.
- 74. The method of claim 71, wherein the normal status section displays a corporate logo.



- 75. A computer system, comprising:a housing; anda primary status indicator positioned on an outer surface of the housing.
 - 76. The computer system of claim 75,
 further comprising a front panel; and
 wherein the primary status indicator positioned on the front panel.
- 77. The computer system of claim 76, wherein the primary status indicator is cycloptically positioned on the front panel.

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78. The computer system of claim 75,

wherein the computer system is operable to be coupled to one or more computer components; and

wherein the primary status indicator is operable to be communicatively coupled to a server management software operable to monitor one or more computer components and determine whether a component is failing or has failed.

79. The computer system of claim 78,

wherein the primary status indicator is operable to be illuminated in a first state if no components are failing or have failed; and

wherein the primary status indicator is operable to be illuminated in a second state if a component is failing or has failed.

- 80. The computer system of claim 79, wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated in the color blue for the first state.
- 81. The computer system of claim 79, wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated in an off state for the first state.
- 20 82. The computer system of claim 79, wherein the primary status indicator is illuminated in an off state for the second state.
 - 83. The computer system of claim 78,
 wherein the primary status indicator comprises,
 a normal status section; and
 an alert status section.

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- 84. The computer system of claim 83, wherein the normal status section and alert status section are presented as a cluster.
 - 85. The computer system of claim 83,

wherein the normal status section is operable to be illuminated if no components are failing or have failed; and

wherein the alert status indicator is operable to be illuminated if a component is failing or has failed.

- 86. The computer system of claim 85, wherein the normal status section is operable to be illuminated in the color blue.
- 87. The computer system of claim 85, wherein the normal status section displays a corporate logo.
- 88. The computer system of claim 75, wherein the primary status indicator is operable to rotate to remain level.
 - 89. The computer system of claim 75, further comprising a status display.
 - 90. The computer system of claim 89,

wherein the computer system is operable to be coupled to one or more computer components; and

wherein the status display is communicatively coupled to a server management software operable to monitor one or more computer components and determine whether a component is failing or has failed.

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- 91. The computer system of claim 90, wherein the status display is operable to display status information communicated from the server management software.
- 92. The computer system of claim 90,
 wherein the status display is operable to be illuminated in a first state if no
 components are failing or have failed; and

wherein the status display is operable to be illuminated in a second state if a component is failing or has failed.

- 93. The computer system of claim 92, wherein the status display is operable to be illuminated in the color blue if no components are failing or have failed.
- 94. The computer system of claim 92, wherein the status display is illuminated in an off state for the first state.
 - 95. The computer system of claim 89,
 further comprising a front panel; and
 wherein the status display is located on the front panel.
- 20 96. The computer system of claim 89,
 further comprising a back panel; and
 wherein the status display is located on the back panel.